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The Honorable William M. Nickerson  
United States District Judge  
U.S. District Court for the  
District of Maryland  
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Re: Bernice Long, III v. Frank Tyrolt  
Civil Action No. WMN-00-CV-1094

Dear Judge Nickerson,

Pursuant to your scheduling order dated February 1, 2001, I would request this case not be dismissed with prejudice for an additional thirty day period.

Although parties have negotiated a settlement agreement it has not been executed due to the involvement of the North Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission. Any settlement must be approved by the commission due to a workers' compensation lien which has been placed on the settlement proceeds.

My office submitted the proposed settlement to the commission through Plaintiff's North Carolina counsel approximately 30 days ago. We have not yet received a response from the commission.

Defense counsel is aware of the North Carolina requirement and has agreed to this request.

We expect approval from the commission but we would prefer to wait for official notice before having the case dismissed with prejudice.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gill Cochran

GC:msc  
cc: Thomas McCarron, Esq.

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OF February 28<sup>th</sup>  
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